REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Drawings Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings because lines, letters, and numbers are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black.

35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 4 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 4 and 10 recite the limitation "every new message" inline 2. here is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1, 5-8, 11-13, 17-20, and 24-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,223,284 (hereinafter "Nova").

Examiner also rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8-10, 12-16, 19-23, 26, 31, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,884,312 (hereinafter "Dunstan").

> To anticipate a claims, the reference must teach every element of
> the claim. A claim is anticipated only if each and every element as
> set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently

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described, in a single prior art reference." (Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (MPEP) ¶ 2131.)

Applicant's independent claims include limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by Nova nor Dunstan. As a result, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Nova nor Dunstan.

In particular, Nova does not disclose nor suggest the claimed limitation of *passing the request for the hardware component information to the service processor external to an operating system controlling the hardware component*, as claimed by applicant in claim 1, and similar limitation included in remaining independent claims. Rather, Nova discloses a user using a client application to access a ROM drive. (Nova, col. 2, summary). In Nova, employing the client appliction to access the ROM drive would necessitate accessing the operating system. (Nova, col. 13, lines 15-18).

Nor does Dunstan not disclose nor suggest the claimed limitation of *passing the request for the hardware component information to the service processor external to an operating system controlling the hardware component*, as claimed by applicant in claim 1, and similar limitation included in remaining independent claims. Rather, Dunstan discloses servicing a remote request for network information . However, as in the case of Nova, Dunstan too teaches employing the operating system of the responder to provide the requested information. (Dunstan, col. 10, line 50 thru col. 13, line 40).

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Furthermore, the remaining claims that were also rejected as being anticipated by Nova and Dunstan, depend from one of the independent claims discussed above and therefore also include the distinguishing claim limitations.
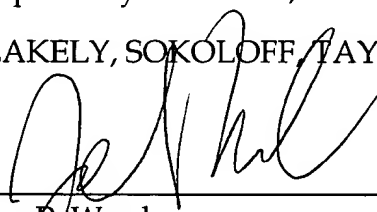
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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